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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

ARISE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE;  
JOISTE?; NEW ENGLAND STATE-AREA  
CONFERENCE OF THE NAACP;  
REV. TALBERT W. SWAN, II;  
NORMAN W. OLIVER; DARLENE  
ANDERSON; GUMERSINDO GOMEZ;  
FRANK BUNTIN; RAFAEL RODRIQUEZ;  
and DIANA NURSE

Plaintiffs,

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD and SPRINGFIELD  
ELECTION COMMISSION,

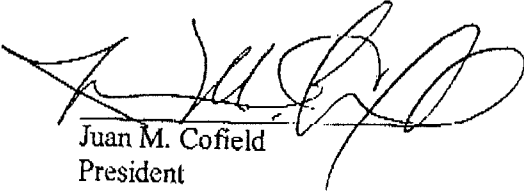
Defendants.

Civil Action No. 05-30080 MAP

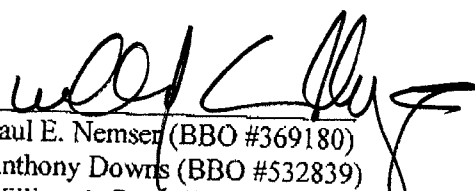
**RULE 16.1(D)(3) CERTIFICATION**

The undersigned hereby certify that they have conferred: (a) with a view to establishing a budget for the costs of conducting the full course – and various alternative courses – of the litigation; and (b) to consider the resolution of the litigation through the use of alternative dispute resolution programs such as those outlined in Local Rule 16.4.

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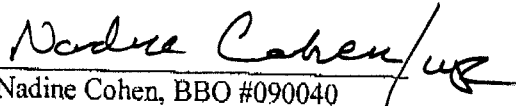
  
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